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**JOHN M. MECKLIN, 52,
EDITOR AT FORTUNE**

John Martin Mecklin, a combat correspondent in Europe and North Africa in World War II and author of "Mission In Torment" about this country's role in the Indochinese war, died Friday of cancer at Carleton Hospital, Fairfield, Conn.

Mr. Mecklin, who was also a member of the board of editors at Fortune magazine, was 52 years old. He lived at 15 Central Park West.

Mr. Mecklin had been a foreign correspondent for Time, Inc. and bureau chief in San Francisco, and public-affairs adviser for the United States Mission to the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris.

He was also public-affairs officer in Saigon and associate editor for the United States Embassy in Saigon before becoming a member of the board of Fortune.

He was a member of the Overseas Press Club.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Shirley Karr Mecklin; two sons, John David and William Alexander, and a sister, Mrs. John Jenkins.